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MOGADISCIO FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1  
TAGS: PDEV RH US UK  
SUBJ: RHODESIA: FRONT LINE STEPS UP ITS ACTIVITY

REF: STATE 53341

1. MARK CHONA CALLED ME OVER TO DISCUSS ANDY YOUNG'S  
VISIT AND RELATED PROBLEMS. WE ENDED UP SPENDING ABOUT  
AN HOUR DISCUSSING REMAINING DIFFERENCES ON THE  
ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSAL AND FRONT LINE PLANS TO DEAL  
WITH THE RHODESIAN PROBLE.

2. CHONA CONFIED THAT HE HAD PLANNED TO LEAVE  
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WEDNESDAY MORNING FOR DAR BUT BECAUSE OF ANDY'S  
VISIT WOULD NOW LEAVE THURSDAY. IN DAR A TECHNICAL  
LEVEL MEETING WILL BE HELD TO PREPARE A FRONT LINE  
PRESIDENTS MEETING THERE FOR SATURDAY AND SUNDAY.  
THE FRONTLINE PRESIDENTS EXPECT TO CONCERT THEIR POSITION  
AND PREPARE FOR A LATER MEETING WITH THE RHODESIA  
NATIONALISTS (APPARENTLY ALONG THE LINES THAT THE

BOTSWANANS WERE THINKING AS REPORTED BY DON NORLAND).) THE DIFFICULTY WILL BE HOW TO ENCOURAGE MUZOREWA TO ATTEND SUCH A MEETING. THIS, CHONA SAID, WOULD BE UP TO THE UK AND THE U.S. I SMILED, AND SAID I THOUGHT THAT REASSURING MUZOREWA THAT HE WOULD GET A FAIR CHANCE AT THE PRESIDENCY WORKING WITH THE FRONT LINE AND THE PATRIOTIC FRONT WAS UP TO THEM. AS CHONA AND MANY OTHERS HERE IN LUSAKA ANALYZE IT, MUZOREWA WILL SOON FIND THAT THE AGREEMENT HE HAS SIGNED IS A BAD ONE. HE WILL DISCOVER THAT HE HAS LOST POPULAR SUPPORT WITHOUT GAINING A LEGAL POSITION. VERY SOON HE WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS RETURNING TO THE AAP WITH THE PARTIES INVOLVED.

3. CHONA ASKED ABOUT THE STATE OF NEGOTIATIONS ON THE AAP, SEEKING TO CLARIFY HIS UNDERSTANDING OF OUR PROPOSAL. HE ASKED WHAT REMAINED TO BE AGREED UPON AND I REVIEWED FOR HIM THE FIVE ESSENTIALS (REFTEL) WHICH WE FELT WERE ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY TO ANY AGREEMENT. IN PARTICULAR HE WAS INTERESTED IN THE GOVERNMENT COUNCIL, EXPRESSING THE VIEW THAT SO FAR AS HE WAS CONCERNED, THIS CONCESSION TO POWER SHARING BY THE BRITISH WAS SUFFICIENT TO SATISFY ZAMBIAN CONCERN FOR LIMITATION ON THE POWERS OF THE RESIDENT COMMISSIONER. ON THE POLICE, HE SAID THAT THE EXISTING FORCE WITH A CHANGE IN THE TOP RANK AND

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MONITORING BY UN LIAISON MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE. HE SAW NO PROBLEM WITH THE RESIDENT COMMISSIONER COMMANDING ALL ARMED FORCES, NOR WITH THE UNITED NATIONS MILITARY FORCE.

4. THROUGHOUT THIS ENTIRE PART OF THE CONVERSATION WHICH CHONA INITIATED AND PRESSED, INSISTING ON REVIEWING EACH DETAIL, HE GAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT BRITISH ACCEPTANCE OF A GOVERNMENT COUNCIL REMOVED THE MAJOR OBSTACLE TO AGREEMENT ON THE AAP. ONLY THE NUMBERS AND DISTRIBUTION OF SEATS ON THE COUNCIL REMAINED TO BE AGREED UPON, HE SAID.

5. CHONA STRESSED AGAIN THE DESPERATE SERIOUSNESS OF THE SITUATION AND THE NEED FOR EVERYONE TO MAKE A MAJIMUM EFFORT TO TRY TO FIND A SOLUTION.

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